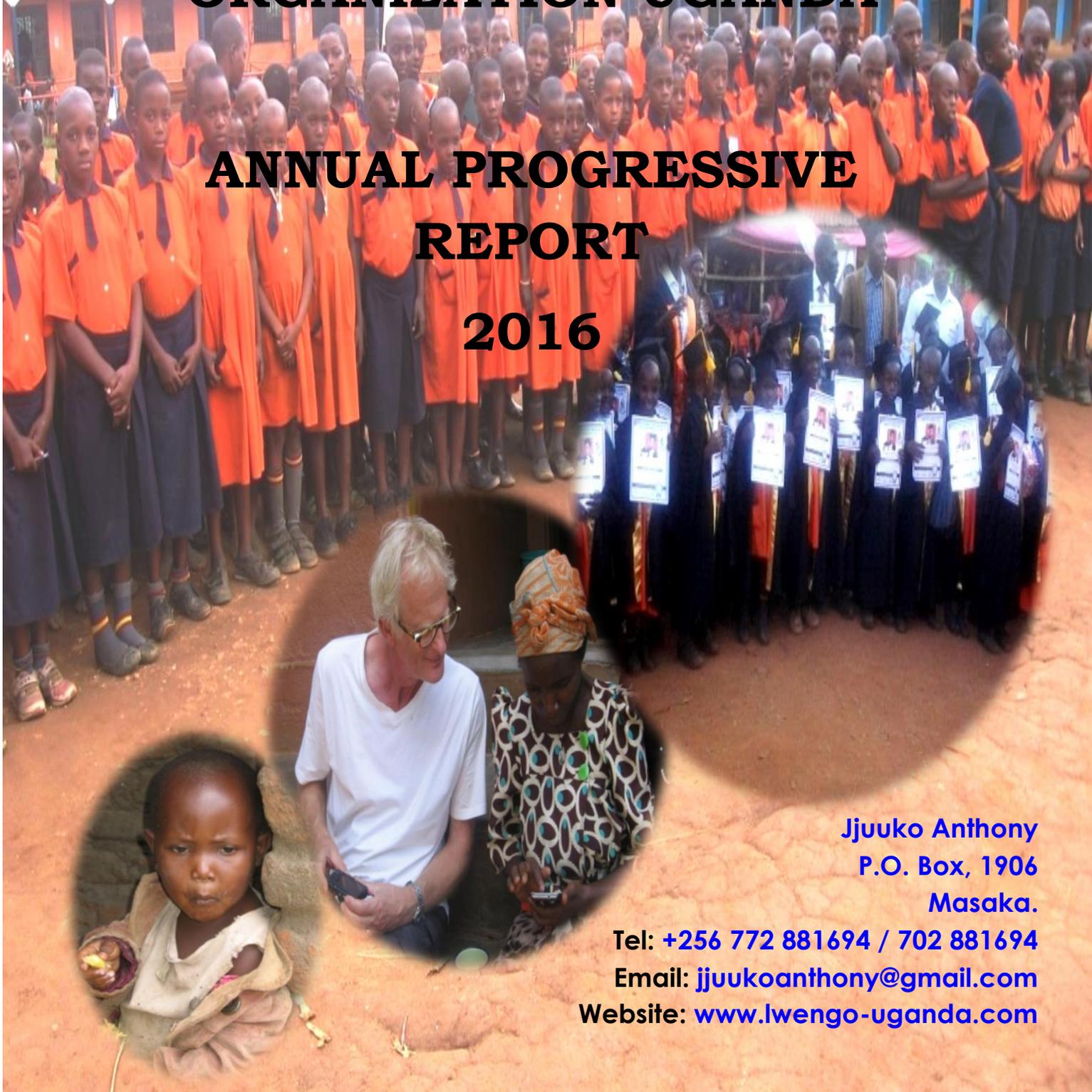




# LWENGO RURAL DEVELOPMENT SUPOORT ORGANIZATION-UGANDA

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#### **1. FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



Lwengo Rural Development Support Organization has marked its 9<sup>th</sup> year milestone this year 2016. Ahead of its time when it commenced operation in 2007, the vision today is rightly regarded as a normal part of community development. It now seems unthinkable that there was time before the start when 99% of the community people had no safe and clean water, poor vulnerable children accessed poor education services, very poor health services and ignorance about their rights was very high. One of the objectives of improving literacy levels so far is very possible and as per now LWERUDES

produces best and competent children with good first grades from primary level.

Improved family health through provision of safe and clean water, Verification visits done to monitor and improve sanitation in various homes where activities like dish racks construction, family sensitization on health programs, education of their children, community participation in development process,

house construction for very vulnerable families are done. Village saving groups are active and to a less extent agricultural production improved though faced with a challenge of weather conditions which demoralizes some farmers.

There was also a concerted effort to improve water and sanitation program through construction of a borehole at school of LWERUDES0 in addition to construction of water tanks with capacity of 10000 liters at family level.

However in a year of significant challenges, the organization has not been diverted from delivering its core services to the community in line with its stated vision of “sustainable transformational development for a healthy and wealthy society”.

LWERUDES0 is still the lead community based organization in Lwengo District for solving, educating, responding, providing and training the needs of very vulnerable people mostly the children. The organization team continues to develop working partnerships with a diverse range of organizations and partners to improve the health and economic status of vulnerable population through provision of health, education, agriculture and income generational services. This includes working with children with special needs and their families.

With the New Year the Organization is looking forward to finding its feet and getting on with empowering the communities at local level with a view of ensuring that they are able to participate more effectively in planning, budgeting and monitoring the quality of services delivered in their communities for sustainability.

Thank you to all our dear Partners, LWERUDES0 staff , volunteers and all well wishers for their commitment, hard work and patience during the year and to all of our government and community partners for their support that has enabled us to realize a change in year 2016.

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**JJUUKO ANTHONY**  
**EXCECUTIVE DIRECTOR.**

## **2. ABOUT US:**



**LWENGO RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT  
ORGANIZATION** was established  
in year 2007. Our organization  
contributes to sustainable  
development of our community  
through projects of education,  
health, HIV/AIDS prevention,  
OVC care and support, food  
security and water and sanitation.

### **OUR VISION:**

“Sustainable transformation for a healthy and wealthy society”.

### **OUR MISSION:**

“To improve the health and economic status of vulnerable population through provision of health, education, agriculture and income generational services”.

### **OUR CORE VALUES.**

- Net working and partnership
- Accountability and transparency.
- Effectiveness and efficiency.

### **CURRENT PARTNERING ORGANIZATIONS.**

- Be More Uganda
- Mild may Uganda
- UWEZO under TWaweza

- Local government
- Lwengo Community

***In 2015-2016 LWERUDES0 has delivered services through the following sections.***

**a) Community education and training.**

Delivers rights and responsibility training to vulnerable children and their families to build awareness of the opportunities for the change of their lives for best.

**b) Community participation**

Participation in all community activities and events to assist in development of policy, public information and community awareness and acceptance of the reality.

**c) Volunteer ship program**

**d) School program**

**e) Sponsorship program**

**f) Children with special needs program**

**3. ORGANIZATION PERFORMANCE IN DIFFERENT SECTORS.**

LWERUDES0's performance is consistent with its vision, mission and goal. Greater focus on achieving result in key service delivery areas for the benefit of the community in Lwengo in all sectors as below.

**WATER AND SANITATION SECTOR.**

80% of the Vulnerable people in Lwengo covering Nakyenyi,



Lwengo and Nkunyuu parishes have provision of information and advice regarding to use of safe and clean water.

The organization works with the community



to extend understanding and skills to achieve sustainability and realize change. In addition 5 water tanks with



capacity of 10000 liters were constructed at family level through community participation approach. Each water tank benefits 5 neighboring families 13 households have bricks waiting for water tank construction.

One water tank with capacity of 10000 liters constructed at the Mosque for the Muslim community.

A borehole to help in provision of safe and clean water for the vulnerable children at school and the community was constructed.

Formally the children have experienced hard time to access water from a pond. This has been solved through borehole construction.



## **EDUCATION SECTOR**

LWERUDES0 is so grateful for the achievement seen in this sector LWERUDES0 runs learning and coordinating center with a population of 509 orphans and vulnerable



children including early childhood development section and children with special needs. i.e. 248 boys and 261 girls.

These children are mentor by staff of 23 qualified teaching staff i.e. 11 male and 12 female in addition to 7 non teaching staff. Many vulnerable children have been trained and gained confidence, determination and self belief to manage and raise issues concerning their lives. The learning environment for these



OVCs has improved through provision of quality education, good structures, feeding, safe drinking water and text books. The community

attitude towards education has greatly improved. Parents and guardians have started attaching great value to education.

In addition to that, the school has a boarding section with enrollment of 150



OVCs under care of 3matrons, 2 school security guard and 2 cooks. This is all done to ensure quality output of OVCs who can compete for their well being in the nearby future.

We appreciate the volunteers who have contributed to the purchase

of 12 beds with their mosquito nets.

Evaluation of children has been well managed through provision of different sets of exams and there is a progressing curve in both numeracy and literacy.



The number of pupils per class is critical in determining the effectiveness and efficiency of learning and teaching of the vulnerable children. The teaching staff is well prepared for transformation of these vulnerable children.



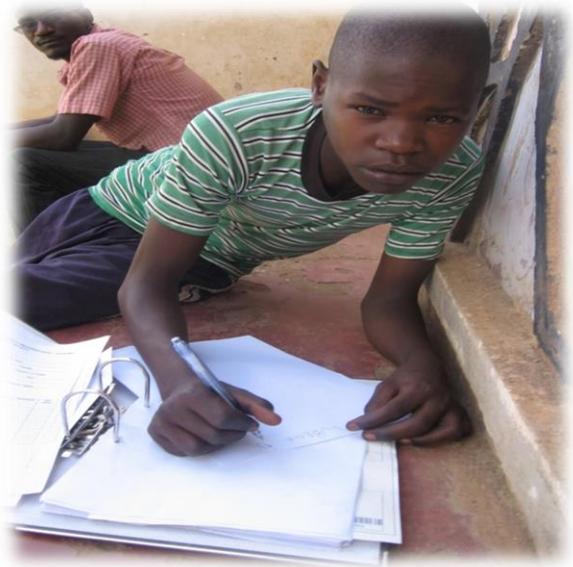
The children are also trained to be leaders and of recent there was election of prefectorial body where children were involved in campaigns and free and fair election conducted.



A borehole was constructed to enable children frequently access safe and clean water.

### **SPONSORSHIP PROJECT**

Under this project LWERUDES0 is supporting 106 children to access their education .These are provided with school fees, medical services and improvement of family income for sustainability approach in the near future.



Through this project we have experienced so many success stories among them Namirembe Brenda, Kibira Joseph and Mulema have joined secondary education on bursary after scoring higher marks in primary education. Children have gained skills in reading and writing English as well as replying mails from their sponsors on their own.



Katumba David who was disturbed by the pancreas for 15 years was operated this year and is doing well back to school.

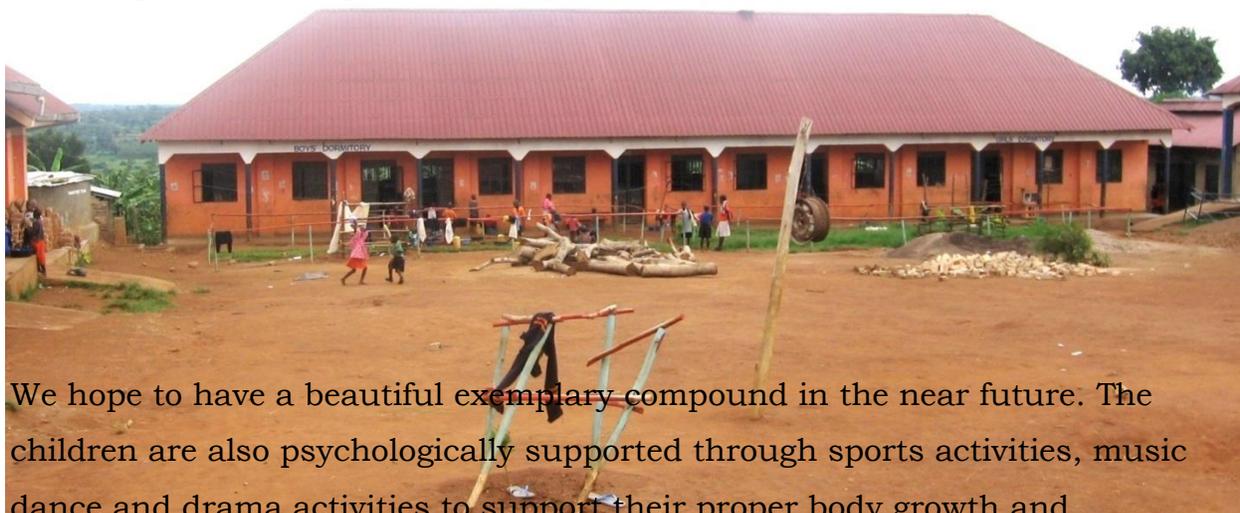
Enock and Justine deaf and dump children are happily integrated in normal school learning for deaf enjoying their right to education.



Kasim has practical skill training in carpentry and Nansiiti Mauricia finalized her course of hair dressing. We thank so much our dear sponsors for the contributions made to ensure the well being of these vulnerable children.

## **ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT**

The learning center has modified the classroom environment by providing learning aids to the children and learning instructional materials to enable easy learning and understanding of the lessons. There has been planting of fruit trees, shade trees, and wind breaks trees and flower in the compound so as to improve on compound management.



We hope to have a beautiful exemplary compound in the near future. The children are also psychologically supported through sports activities, music dance and drama activities to support their proper body growth and development.



## **CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

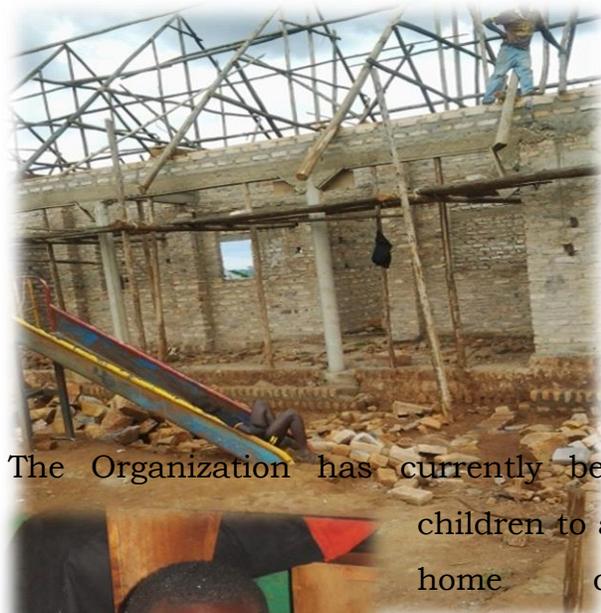


LWERUDES0 is currently practicing



education of students with special needs addressing their individual learning differences and needs. Common special needs cases include; learning disabilities, communication disabilities, emotional and behavioral disorders, and developmental disabilities

Formally some of these children were intergraded in the normal class teaching which was not practical since these children need learning through practical and special attention. LWERUDES0 saw it necessary to begin a special class for these children and this year on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 the class began in a temporally building with 9 children of different disabilities. These children are given psychosocial therapy, physical support, learning to express. The construction of the permanent classroom block is to its completion.



The Organization has currently been transporting the multiple disabled children to and from home on a bodaboda daily and the classes begin at 9:00 am and end at 1:00 pm. Since these children are vulnerable, they need proper feeding. The organization

strives to provide some nutritional supplements and medication to boost their growth and development. A health camp was conducted in partnership with Katalemwa hospital specifically for treatment of children with special needs. Such children are highly neglected and hardly get clothes and other basics and have no school uniforms.



As per now we have two social worker acting as instructors helped by international volunteers from Be-More. We still have a few learning materials compared to their interests.

## **HEALTH SECTOR**

There is noticeable trend towards improving sanitation among home visited households particularly. Households that are monitored by community development workers are stimulated to demand for better services. Elderly

headed families are helped in day to day activities like collection of water for home use and other activities as directed by the household head.



Through utilizing various service providers like Lwengo Health Center IV and Kyetume Health Center III, 336 vulnerable children have been helped to access immunization services.

LWERUDES0 in collaboration with Lwengo health center IV also carried out a health outreach at LWERUDES0 learning center giving a health talk to children, vitamin and deworming tablets to children below 5 years.



They also gave TT vaccination to girls above 14 years and treatment for cancer for girls in primary 4 classes as targeted by Government. LWERUDES0 also continues to support vulnerable families with medical support in collaboration with health institutions.



I Kitchen was constructed to improve on health sanitation of the family, 1 house constructed for the vulnerable family of 6 children, 5 dish racks constructed at family level and 10 fuel saving stoves constructed at family level.

## **HIV/AIDS SECTOR**

LWERUDES0 has been under management of 540 orphans and vulnerable children from a total number of 94 households.



Of the 540 OVCs, 32 children are infected with HIV and are all enrolled in care and treatment. Under this program we have supported 33 families with farm inputs and croilers to improve on nutrition status of the vulnerable children.



100 families received hoes.

The organization is using referral approach to extend quality services to the vulnerable people. We are also coordinating with available VSLAs to integrate the vulnerable families and 40% of supported families are already attached to specific VSLAs [Village Saving and Loans Associations].

**AGRICULTURE SECTOR.**

Agriculture is the main economic activity in the community; however agriculture production in this year was so low due to unfavorable weather conditions in the past seasons.



Lwengo community has experienced a long dry season which has affected so much the income of the community. The big population of Lwengo depends of farming. The dry season is proposed to be due to excessive tree planting and digging in wetlands. LWERUDES0 therefore proposed to plant over 20,000,000 calyptus trees in LWENGO community.



The most challenging factor is that 99% of the populations have one meal a day. This is so much affecting the growth and development of the vulnerable children.

## **VOLUNTEERSHIP PROGRAM**

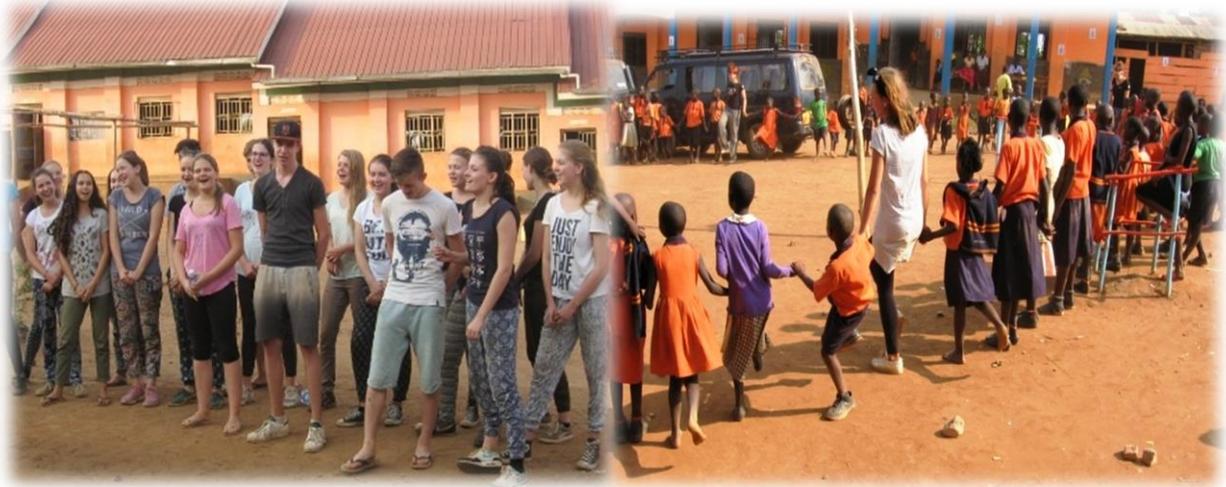
LWERUDES0 has received volunteers on monthly basis from Be More and these have brought a big impact on development of our community. They have participated in day to day activities with the families in community, acted as mentors of the project progress and helped so much in fundraising for project implementation.



The volunteers resign in community at volunteers' house and receive the required services for proper stay in the community.



LWERUDES0 also received 4 mapping groups which participated in the community development through different activities like kitchen construction, construction of temporally class for children with special needs, involved in co curricular activities with children.



### **Significant issues impacting LWERUDES0**

There has been a significant decrease in activity implementation mostly with partnering organizations that pull out due to their financial status. This has so many times left some activities with the community pending without monitoring e.g. PACE, World vision, Peace corps.

Decrease in funding opportunities due to partners that stop funding and low turn up of volunteers.

### **BEST PRACTICES PRACTICED**

1. Community involvement and participation in planning and activity implementation. The community is fully involved in planning and participates in activities implemented for sustainability purposes.
2. Partnership approach. The Organization partners with different organizations with different opportunities and capacity to serve its community.
3. Well coordination with local government and other partnering organizations.

4. Commitment of staff and volunteer ship spirit among staff.
5. Transparency and efficiency in all activities done.

THANKS.